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June 9, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange
Crystal Falls Management Unit -- Iron County
Land Transaction Case #20060043

Applicants: Leo C. and Doris Fende Trust, Channing, Michigan
Nicole Ann Fende, Marquette, Michigan

Private Land Offered Owned by the Leo and Doris Fende Trust
In Exchange: Iron County, Mansfield Township, T43N, R31W, Section 1: the North $\frac{1}{2}$
of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, containing 80 acres more or less.

Owned by Nicole Ann Fende
Iron County, Mansfield Township, T43N, R31W, Section 1: the SE $\frac{1}{4}$
of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, containing 40 acres more or less.

Exchange Value: In area, the offered parcels consist of 120 acres, and are one and one-half
times the size of the desired parcels.

State Land Desired Desired by the Leo C. and Doris Fende Trust
In Exchange: Iron County, Mansfield Township, T43N, R31W, Section 1: the SW $\frac{1}{4}$
of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, containing 40 acres more or less.

Desired by Nicole Ann Fende
Iron County, Mansfield Township, T43N, R31W, Section 1: the SE $\frac{1}{4}$
of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, containing 40 acres more or less.

Exchange Value: In area, the desired parcels consist of 80 acres, which is $\frac{2}{3}$ the size of the
offered parcels.

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Authority: Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) June 30, 2008 Calendar and is eligible for approval on July 7, 2008.

Comments: The offered and desired lands are located adjacent to each other, along the eastern edge of Iron County. They are located approximately one mile northwest of Channing and are contiguous.

The desired 80-acre State-owned parcel contains 25 acres of aspen-covered upland and 55 acres of lowland with cedar and spruce cover types. The upland area is difficult to access from the adjacent State-owned land due to the presence of a large swamp conifer forest.

According to field staff, the offered 120 acres is comprised of some of the highest quality cedar stands within Iron County. This property is centered within the Mansfield Cut-off Deer Yard, which functions as a corridor between several other deer yards. The acquisition of this property will consolidate State ownership in the core of this deer yard and will provide for added long term stability in the yarding complex. While both offered and desired properties have wildlife benefits, the offered privately-owned land is considered to be superior to the desired State-owned land. Acquisition of this property will also help consolidate State ownership in this location and provide contiguous access to 420 acres of currently landlocked State-owned properties.

This transaction will contribute to the Department's Land Consolidation Strategy and will enhance forest and wildlife management as well as access for public recreation.

In this transaction, the requirements for a land exchange are satisfied due to the proximity, similarity and disparate acreage of the parcels. The Department Review Appraiser has indicated that the value of this exchange is clearly in favor of the State. For this reason, the expense of contracting for an appraisal of the exchange would not have provided additional benefit to the State and was therefore not requested.

The desired State-owned land was acquired by tax reversion in 1939. As a result of this exchange, the offered private land will assume tax-reverted status.

This transaction was reviewed by Department staff and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on February 22, 2007. The Mineral and Land Management Section staff of the Department's Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division has determined that it is appropriate to exchange mineral rights, if at least 80 acres of offered mineral rights are available. Otherwise the State should reserve its mineral rights.

Recommendations: (1) That the exchange be approved, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the State reserving aboriginal antiquities.

(2) That the State convey mineral rights relative to the desired land if it receives at least 80 acres of mineral rights to the offered land.

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I approve the staff recommendations.

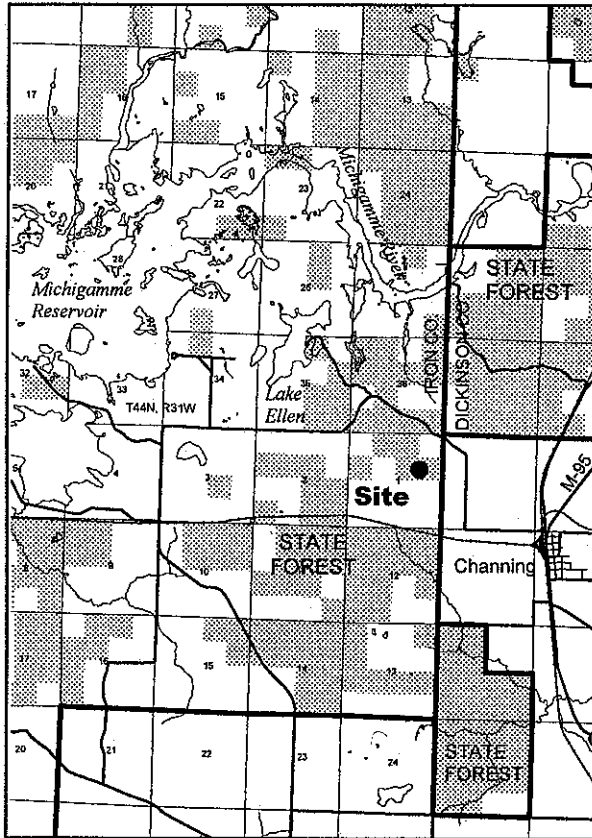
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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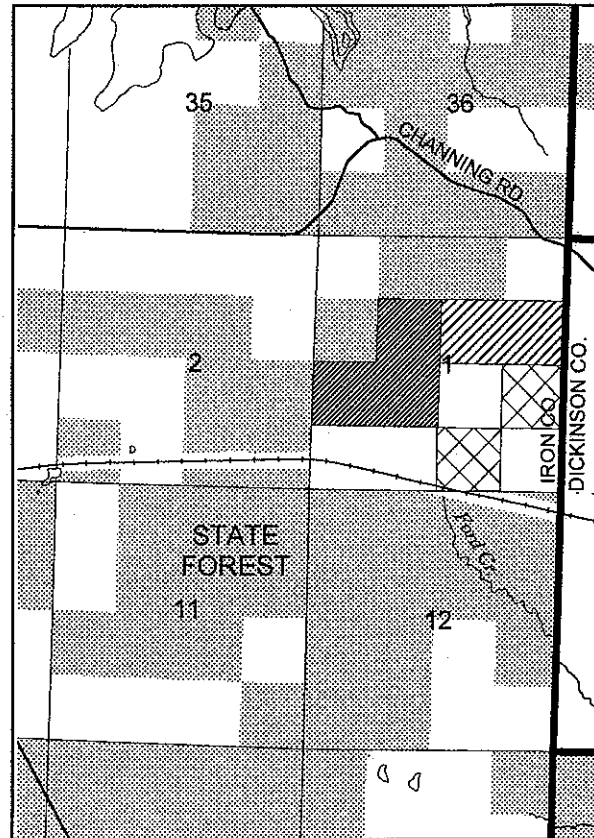
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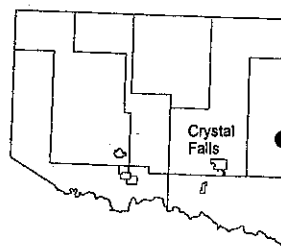
Regional Location

- State Forest Boundary
- ▨ State Land
- Private Land



Section 1, T43N, R31W, Mansfield Township

- State Forest Boundary
- ▨ State Land Desired from DNR in Exchange (80.00 acres)
- ▩ Private Land Offered to DNR in Exchange (120.00 acres)
- ▨ State Land
- ▤ Applicants' Land
- Private Land



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